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Column One  
BY  
David Courtney

## Austria Rejects Basis For Restitution Claim

VIENNA, Thursday. — Austrian Minister of Finance Reinhold Kamitz said in Parliament yesterday that there could be no question of Austria's paying restitution to Jews persecuted by the Nazis, because "Austria had persecuted no one."

### Confusion in Vienna Seen Deliberate

Our political correspondent writes that there seems to be deliberate confusion of ideas by the Austrian Government. The world Jewish organizations for 18 months, have been trying to make progress in talks with the Government on questions of compensation and restitution. The Austrians have put forward the view that, in fact, the Germans took possession of Jewish property in Austria; Austria received nothing and therefore has nothing to give back.

Negotiations, however, finally reached an impasse on the question of helms Jewish property in Austria. This property is available there. There is no one to claim it and the Austrian Government holds it. The world Jewish organizations claim that it should be devoted to the benefit of the victims. The Austrian Government, however, claims that it should be used for the benefit of the Austrian people.

### Kashani Opposes Renewal Of Anglo-Iranian Ties

TEHRAN, Thursday (UPI). — The powerful religious leader Mullah Atayollah Kashani announced today his opposition to resumption of diplomatic relations with Britain until the Anglo-Iranian oil dispute is settled. Kashani said a new Majlis, or Lower House of Parliament, must be convened fully on any such move, and that Iran owes no compensation because of nationalization.

### British Isolate Canal Zone Village for Lawlessness

CAIRO, Thursday (Reuter). — British military authorities in the Suez Canal Zone have wired off an Egyptian trading village at Fayid as Egyptian police protection had "slumped badly" in recent weeks, a British Embassy spokesman disclosed today.

### Beirut Says Arabs Ready for Talks

BEIRUT, Thursday (AFP). — The Arab States have agreed to talks with Jordan and Israel on alterations and amendments to the Armistice Agreements. The talks are being held in Beirut.

### UN Resumes Debate On Syrian Complaint

UNITED NATIONS, Thursday (UPI). — The U.N. Security Council resumed debate on Syria's complaint against the Israeli hydro-electric project on the river Jordan.

### Accord Reached on Return Of German Property Here

COLOGNE, Thursday (UPI). — The Israel mission here announced today that a final agreement has been reached for the return of property in Israel belonging to the Archbishopric of Cologne.

### US Responsible For M.E. Peace--Truman

NEW YORK, Thursday (INA). — In his address to Congress on the Middle East since leaving the White House, President Truman tonight emphasized America's responsibility for promoting peace between Israel and the Arab states.

### Soviet Envoy Calls On President Today

The Soviet Minister, Mr. A. Abramov, is to travel to the capital in the President's car today to present his credentials to Mr. Ishak Ben-Zvi. Accompanying him will be Dr. Michael Simon, Chief of Protocol of the Foreign Ministry.

### Hacohen Leaves For Rangoon

LYDDA AIRPORT, Thursday. — Mr. David Hacohen, first Minister to Burma, left this morning by S.A.S. for Rangoon. The farewell party at the airport, arranged by Soli Boneh, of which Mr. Hacohen was director, was attended by the Foreign Minister.

### Prepare for Holy War -- Nashashibi

A call for Arab unity of effort in preparation for the forthcoming Jihad (Holy War), was made last night by Azzam Nashashibi, Jordan Public Information Director, in his weekly talk over Radio Ramallah.

### Syria Marks 2nd Year Of Shishakly Coup

The second anniversary of General Adib Shishakly's seizure of power in Syria yesterday, December 3, 1951, was observed in Syria yesterday, ANA reports.

## Vietnam Monarch, Premier Split On Ho's Peace Bid

PARIS, Thursday (UPI). — The Premier of Vietnam broke with his own monarch today and called on France to make "precise proposals" to the Vietnamese toward achieving a cease-fire in Indo-China.

### Top Civil Servants Forming Own Union

A general meeting of senior civil servants resolved yesterday to organize a separate union. This was decided on when the executive reported to the meeting that neither the Histadrut nor the Civil Servants' Association would support the senior officials' demands for re-grading and salary increases.

### Mapai Asks G.Z. To Resume Talks

Mr. M. Argov, General Secretary of Mapai, yesterday sent a statement published on Tuesday in which he stressed that Mapai saw no reason why the talks between the two parties should not be continued.

### Mapam Declares Mapai Line Unacceptable

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### Tornado Kills Six

NEW ORLEANS, Thursday (Reuter). — A tornado today tore across the Louisiana coast in a north-easterly direction and killed at least six people.

### Tories Nervous Over Egypt Policy

By GEORGE LUTHEIM, Jerusalem Post Correspondent. LONDON, Thursday. — Supporters of the Government's Egyptian policy are showing some nervousness following last night's meeting of the Conservative Party's Foreign Affairs Committee. The meeting took place behind closed doors, but enough has leaked out to indicate that there is mounting hostility to Whitehall's policy in Egypt and the Sudan.

### Labour Stands By Censure Motion

LONDON, Thursday (Reuter). — The British Labour Party tonight decided to hold up a motion of censure against the Conservative Government's handling of African policy after the deposition of the Kabaka of Buganda, ruler of a million Africans in the Protectorate of Uganda.

### U.S. Faces Large Deficit

NEW YORK, Thursday (Reuter). — Under-Secretary of the Treasury Marion Folsom said today that the U.S. Government would have a deficit of at least \$7,500m. next year unless spending were cut.

## Big 4 Talks Major Item At Bermuda Meeting Today

### UN Voices Concern Over Atrocity Charge

NEW YORK, Thursday (Reuter). — The U.N. General Assembly today approved by 42 votes to 5 a resolution expressing "grave concern" at the charges of Communist atrocities in Korea.

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### No Settlement Seen In Major US Strikes

NEW YORK, Thursday (Reuter). — Major strikes in the aviation and canning industries and against six New York daily papers continued today with little sign of immediate settlement.

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### Continuous Sessions Till Monday

HAMILTON, Thursday. — Premier Joseph Laniel of France arrived on this holiday island today to join Prime Minister Winston Churchill for the Big Three conference which starts tomorrow, when President Eisenhower arrives here from Washington.

### Danes Suspend Work On Bases for NATO

COPENHAGEN, Thursday (Reuter). — The Danish Government has decided to suspend the planned extension of the air bases of Tirsrup and Vandel in Jutland following its decision not to accept for the present the offer of the NATO Supreme Command to station American aircraft on Danish bases.

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### BRITAIN DENIES SECRET PLEDGE GIVEN ITALY

LONDON, Thursday (UPI). — The Foreign Office today denied today that it has given secret assurances to Italy or Yugoslavia on the Trieste question. An official spokesman said that no secret assurances have been given to the Italian or Yugoslav Governments on Trieste. The British Government has been in close consultation with both countries and any suggestions or proposals communicated to them have been identical, he added.

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## SABBATH in MOSCOW

in the city — a fine building created about 60 years ago and there are several others.

In 1909 there were 10 synagogues in Moscow, but there began a gradual reduction until today, Jews from all parts of the Great Synagogue for the summer festivals. Several thousands came to the New Year and Day of Atonement services and the street was blocked.

The remnants of the faith are old. There are prayer books printed in 1912, with illustrations, praying at the edges, the veils coverings on the ancient scrolls

of the Law are worn with age, and the silver ornaments tarnished.

### Hebrew for Peace

The synagogue walls on either side of the Ark of the Law bear inscribed prayers in Russian and Hebrew for the Soviet Government. The "peace" passages are repeated in the Sabbath services, together with prayers for guidance for Mr. Malenkov and for President Kliment Voroshilov.

These are the only concessions to modernity. The congregation presents a pattern of Semitic dignity, old men in well-

black frock coats with skull caps and thick, heavy, fur-trimmed hats. Others in the typical dress of the Russian worker, trousers and a heavy leather boots wearing round fur caps. Yiddish is widely used in the street. The annex, the devotion of the community, is a Hasidism, gather from five to six every morning for Talmudic study, and for learned discussion on the ancient Jewish laws. For the women there is a separate room. There are collecting boxes on the poles, calling for charity for the poor. The quantity of kosher meat is available, although none is on sale in the usual food stores.

The Soviet Government appears to place an obstacle in the way of the Jewish community, except by the apparent pro-

organized Jewish religious education, and to mention the ban on any signs of Jewish nationalism, such as Hebrew and Zionism. (Bester)

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that we are all citizens.

A child lost his place. The teacher, placing the child by his voice, walked over to his desk, found the line, and guided his fingers to it.

In another class, held in the synagogue for lack of space

group of 18 immigrant children were here. "I had a geography discussion," he says. "The teachers come here because they expect to find all kinds of wealth," the teacher asked. "No," answered the students enthusiastically. It was profoundly moving to see these children who will never see Israel, discuss their homeland with such interest.

After finishing elementary school at the Institute, students go on to regular high schools, many continuing through college. The Institute boasts a large number of talented alumni, a large number among them are Shimon Shoshni, violinist, and Esther Houli, pianist, and Rappaport.

It is difficult for those who can see to appreciate the consequences and the effort that go with the

discomfiments of those who lack musical knowledge. Miss Houli, a slim girl with a sad, beautiful face, played a Schubert Impromptu, her fingers gliding deftly over the keys; every piece of music that she plays must be gone over until she has memorized it thoroughly.

Throughout the Institute, one sees everywhere the special equipment required by the institution of this sort. Global maps with raised contours, plaster models of the human anatomy with exaggerated veins and nerves, and a multitude of books in Hebrew braille.

**Print Own Books**

All the books required by the Institute are printed in its own press. The Rev. Emanuel Schaefer, an old, short-

In the school, Ben was engaged in printing parts of the Bible in Braille. He was unable to demonstrate Braille printing, because the machine was not working properly. He explained the six dot system by which the Hebrew Braille alphabet is formulated.

There is a long waiting list of children for the Institute. During this year, the Institute provides facilities for more children than the budget from IL-75,000 to IL-125,000.

Except for the salaries of teachers of academic subjects, which are paid by the Government, the many expenses incurred by a specialized institution of this sort are covered by the Government for the benefit of individuals and organizations.

Of great importance is the annual Hanukka "Feast of Light for the Slightest" now in progress throughout the land. By means of this appeal, every one has an opportunity to participate in the vital work being done by the Jewish Institute for the Blind.

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